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Much Building Here

Building operations are in full swing in St. Johns and on every hand are to be seen structures in course of construction and just being commenced. The new improvements include public buildings, churches, business buildings and residences. The latter, while not so pretentious as are to be found in Portland, are for the most part good, substantial homes with modern conveniences, and are built for homes and not for speculative purposes.

The building permits issued so far this year nearly quadruple those issued for the same period during the year 1909 and indications point to still greater development in this respect, especially if certain negotiations now under way reach a successful termination.

Several new tracts have been platted and placed on the market and the sale of lots, while not as heavy at present as earlier in the season, is normal with everything pointing to unusual activity in the real estate market later on.

The more progressive of the citizens are unanimously in favor of paving the streets and it is the intention to improve Fessenden street from the city limits on the east to the river, a distance of nearly three miles. The street will be graded, sewer and water pipes will be installed, cement sidewalks laid and the surface paved with either asphalt or bitulithic.

Jersey street from Catlin to Richmond streets, a distance of 14 blocks, will be similarly improved, and it is the wish of everyone to have the work completed as soon as possible.

The total cost of the proposed improvements and the work now under way and in process of completion, which includes the grading, paving, laying of sewers, water mains and cement sidewalks, will aggregate \$300,000.

In the building line the structure that easily attracts the most attention and everywhere receives the most favorable comment is the magnificent new high school building, which is located on a slightly elevated site a short distance from the main business center of the city and one block from the city hall. It is 90x114 feet in dimensions, two stories and basement high, with a large finished room in the attic, and contains 14 large rooms including the assembly hall, which has a seating capacity for about 700 pupils. The building is of the California Mission style of architecture with exterior of buff-colored cement pressed brick, has a cement floor in the chemistry hall, darkroom and laboratory and is to be heated by the Plenum ventilating and heating system. It will have a large gymnasium in the basement with dressing rooms, shower baths and lavatories in connection, and is modern in every respect. Contractors Kelley & Mahoney are erecting the structure, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000 when finished and fully equipped. The building is being plastered now and will soon be ready for the glazing. The contractors expect to have it completed by July 15.

Contractors Bickford & Tenant have nearly completed the repair work on the Evangelical church, located on John street between Ivanhoe and Jersey. The church was raised several feet, a full basement put under it and minor alterations and repairs made on the building itself.

Kerr & Son, contractors, have just completed the erection of a Catholic school building which is located on Portland Boulevard near Buchanan street. It is a two-story frame with a full cement basement and cost about \$7,500.

The same firm secured the contract for erecting a two-story frame building, 30x38 feet in size, which will be built on the lots adjoining the school for the use of the sisters. It will be a Colonial style structure containing 12 rooms, will have a full cement basement, furnace heat, and will cost about \$4,000. Excavation work has commenced and work on the superstructure will be started next week.

Kerr & Son are also erecting a very attractive home on Chicago street for A. C. Gesler, manager of Caled Bros. branch store in St. Johns. This is a 1 1/2 story, six room bungalow with full cement basement, furnace heat and modern in every particular. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000.

W. S. Gillmore, contractor, is building a very classy 1 1/2 story, six room bungalow on South Ivanhoe street between Richmond and Mohawk streets for J. S. McKinnis, a prominent St. Johns real estate dealer.

A. A. Schrimacher, contractor, has commenced the erection of an attractive home on Hayes street,

near Catlin, which is being built for Rudolph Koerner, superintendent of the woolen mills. It will be a thoroughly modern 1 1/2 story bungalow and will cost about \$3,000.

J. W. Lindsey has commenced to excavate a basement for a modern frame residence to be erected on North Leonard street between Fessenden and Catlin.

J. B. Fletcher is building a five room frame bungalow on Allegheny street near Portland Boulevard which will cost about \$2,000.

E. C. Hurlburt is having a neat 1 1/2 story bungalow built on Fessenden street near Willis Boulevard, to cost \$1,500.

R. Markwart is just completing a handsome 1 1/2 story, seven room residence at the southwest corner of Jersey and Catlin streets, which will cost about \$3,000.

H. T. Palmer is erecting a two story frame building on Fessenden street near Columbia Boulevard. The first floor will be used for business purposes and the upper floor for apartments.

W. W. Woodhouse, who is heavily interested in St. Johns realty, is contemplating the erection of a brick building 50x100 feet in dimensions on the southwest corner of Ivanhoe and Philadelphia streets, to be used for business purposes.—Abstract.

A Red Letter Day

Next Monday is to mark a red letter day in the history of St. Johns. The glorious Fourth will be celebrated on a scale never before attempted here. Thousands of visitors will come to our beautiful little city, as much to view the surroundings and general lay of the land as to enjoy the program of events prepared for their benefit.

All shapes, sizes and conditions of people will mingle with us—the old man, the middle-aged, the youth and the children, the grandmother, the old maid, the widow, the young women, the girls, the lover and his sweetheart—all will come prepared to enjoy the Nation's birthday to the fullest possible extent. And it behooves the people of St. Johns to see that they leave our city highly impressed with the courtesy and hospitality extended toward them. And we know they will be.

The program of the day's events, with a few minor details yet to be worked out, is complete and should prove a source of pleasure to one and all. The committees have worked faithfully, and while the details of the work necessary to make a celebration a success were new to many of them, they have all done well, and the fourth day of July, 1910, should pass into history as the brightest and most enjoyable one that St. Johns has ever known. May it be so.

Fine Entertainment

The entertainment given at the Electric Monday night was particularly fine. An additional feature was a ventriloquist of marked ability, and his voice throwing was truly marvelous. A dummy act, in which the statue was made to go through various stunts, was highly amusing, and the climax was reached when the "dummy" walked off the stage—a man. Little Georgia Bilyeu most pleasingly rendered a vocal selection that was received with appreciative applause. She has a very sweet voice and if she improves with age, will make her mark in the musical world. The moving pictures were excellent especially so "The Cliff Dwellers" and "The Princess and Peasant." The scenery displayed in both instances was superb. The house was crowded to its utmost capacity all the evening. When it comes to enterprise and keeping in touch with and securing the very latest and best productions, the Electric is ever "Johnny on the spot."

Building Permits

No. 82—To J. Rasse to repair store building on Polk street between Jersey and Hayes street, cost \$400.

No. 83—To Kerr & Son to alter Central Hotel building on Philadelphia street between Ivanhoe and Jersey street for the proprietor; cost \$800.

No. 84—To Kerr & Son to erect a convent on Portland boulevard between Burr and Newton streets for St. Clements parish; cost \$3,500.

You with driving nags, get a 4th of July whip, 25 cents, or lap duster, \$1.25, and go in style with the best of them. St. Johns Harness Shop.

Death of Mrs. McKeon

Mrs. Louise Amelia McKeon departed this life Thursday, June 14, 1910, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Ogden, at Dayton, Oregon, after an illness of several months. She had been gradually failing for some time, and the end was not unexpected. Old age, coupled with Bright's disease, was responsible for her demise.

Mrs. McKeon was born at Toronto, Canada, January 27, 1830, and early in life removed to Cleveland, Ohio, where she was united in marriage with Robert McKeon, who died a few years later. She then removed to Mason City, Iowa, where she resided a number of years, after which she removed to Graceville, Minn., where she spent seven or eight years. About five years ago she came to St. Johns, where she resided up until a few months preceding her death.

The subject of this sketch was one of God's noblest creations. Endowed with a sweet, cheerful and optimistic disposition, she carried sunshine wherever she went. Cultured, refined and thoroughly humane, the chiefest pleasure of her life was to make the rough places smooth for the unfortunate. Her sympathetic nature and gentle, loving ways cheered the broken in spirit and comforted those in distress. The life of Mrs. McKeon throughout was most beautiful. Never discouraged, never disheartened, she ever sought the brighter side. Her love for her children was boundless as the ocean. A mother of five children herself, she took seven others to raise, all of whom became an honor to her as well as themselves.

To know her was to love her. Her pleasing and congenial manner captivated and held all who came in contact with her, and her friends were legion. Mrs. McKeon attained the ripe age of four score years, and up until a few months before death came she was as active and agile as most people at fifty. In the passing of Mrs. McKeon the world is much the loser, but it was made brighter, purer and better in a degree at least by reason of her having lived in it. A member of the St. Johns Congregational church at the time of her death, she was a consistent and conscientious Christian all her life. Death to her had no terrors, and when the call came to leave this vale of tears, she was ready to meet her Maker face to face.

Her work is finished, her mission ended, her course is run, and the Almighty has taken unto himself this beautiful character that he permitted to remain for a season upon the earth for the earth's good.

The death of Mrs. McKeon was a particularly sad blow to her son, R. W., to whom she was his constant companion and friend. With a consideration and love for his mother that was singularly touching, the passing away is keenly felt by him.

The remains were conveyed to Cleveland, Ohio, for interment, which took place June 24th, her two sole surviving children, Mrs. H. G. Ogden and R. W. McKeon, accompanying all that was mortal of Mrs. McKeon to its last resting place.

At the Stock Yards

Receipts at this market for the week are as follows: Cattle 1959, calves 178, hogs 1296, sheep 6145, horses and mules 14. Among the arrivals were a good many cattle of rather poor quality which hung on several days before being sold. However, there was a very ready sale for all stuff of good quality, especially in the line of cows and calves. Arrivals in other lines were liberal though in the matter of hogs a scarcity has been felt. The cattle market may be quoted as steady with a brisk demand for the better grades. The cow market is particularly active, a bunch of good California heifers brought \$5.15 while good cows sell very readily at from \$4.50 to \$4.75, good calves light at \$6.75 as a top, while the heavier grades sell for from \$4.00 to \$5.00. The sheep market is steady with a good demand for anything in the way of fat mutton or lambs. Notwithstanding heavy arrivals the price remains firm at last week's quotations. The hog market has gone up another notch and hogs of fair quality are selling at \$9.85 with a good deal to wish for in the matter of quantity as receipts from local territory have been light.

D. O. Lively, General Agent.

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For Rent—Modern 6 room house, fine river view. See K. C. Couch.

Council Proceedings

Council convened as usual Tuesday evening with all members assembled, and the hour of midnight arrived before the session concluded. The first matter taken up was a petition for the improvement of Bradford street, Richmond to Fessenden, the roadway to be covered with decking 6x4 inches and a six-foot wooden walk on the eastern side only. The engineer was directed by resolution to prepare the necessary plans and specifications for the improvement as asked for. This improvement is a most important one, and it is believed it will go through without a remonstrance.

A petition for a fire hydrant at Portland boulevard and Newton street, presented by the St. Clements parish, was read and the request granted.

The engineer reported that the bid of L. Seybold for the construction and relaying of the Philadelphia street sewer, or District No. 1, was below the engineer's estimates. Upon motion Mr. Seybold was awarded the contract.

The bid of P. J. Peterson & Co. on the Maple street sewer, according to the report, exceeded his estimate by almost \$3,000. The engineer recommended that the estimate be raised ten per cent and be readvertised, as no provision had been made for delayed payment. Upon motion readvertisement of same was ordered, upon the new estimate.

As the Weyerhaeuser Lumber Co. had refused to allow the Maple street sewer to run through their property as proposed by council, it was decided on a four to three vote to condemn a strip sixty feet wide from Maple street to the harbor line for street purposes. Councilmen Hiller, Windle, Johnson and Cook favoring the proposition, and Davis, Downey and Dobie voting in the negative. It is believed that the company will agree to the sewer proposition rather than have a strip of ground taken for a useless street.

A representative of the Oregon Hassam Paving Co., Geo. M. Hyland, was present and gave a very interesting dissertation on the merits and longevity of hassam paving.

The improvement of Polk street, Willamette boulevard to Crawford street, was accepted by council.

A directory resolution was adopted ordering the city engineer to prepare the necessary data for the improvement of Oswego street, Barton's Addition, to the county road. Also for the improvement of Willis boulevard, St. Johns avenue to Bruce street.

A petition for the improvement of Hayes street, Richmond to the Weyerhaeuser tract was laid on the table indefinitely on account of the property not standing for the assessment. Johnson, Davis and Dobie objecting, however. They believed it better to lessen the amount of crushed rock and otherwise reduce the expense in order that the improvement could go through.

The improvement of North Ivanhoe, Catlin to Weyerhaeuser tract, received the same treatment for a like reason.

The engineer was directed by resolution to furnish estimates, etc., on grade and sidewalk for Fessenden street, Edison to the East city limits, and also for hard surface of the street from Willis boulevard to Edison street.

A resolution to improve Leonard street Chicago to New York, was adopted and may be found in this issue.

Bills to the amount of \$111.15 were allowed.

A bargain in the shape of a typewriter and desk having come to the notice of council, an order was given for their purchase at a stipulated price of \$100 for both.

Remodeling Finished.

A McIntosh of Portland has been awarded the contract for painting the big Government dredge Chinook, the remodeling of which is about completed at the plant of the Marine Iron Works. Arrangements have been made for placing her on the dry dock this week when other work below the water line will be done.

Every indication is that the work of remodeling the dredge will be completed by August 1, says the Telegram. Immediately after being put in shape she will go into service at the mouth of the Columbia river to assist in deepening the ship channel. The work of rebuilding her was started February 1, the contract price being \$132,000. The job was supposed so have been completed in four and one-half months, but owing to numerous minor alterations ordered in the specifications after operations were under way the time has been extended and the total cost of making a model dredge out of her will probably run up to \$130,000.

Congress set aside \$200,000 for the remodeling and maintenance of the Chinook. Consequently there will remain a fund of \$60,000 for her operation, a sufficient sum to keep her in continuous commission about eight months. In addition the rivers and harbors bill now before congress includes another \$50,000 for placing in the dredge's operating funds which will be adequate to keep her in service for more than a year. Formerly it cost \$10,000 a month to operate the dredge. With the present changes it is estimated that the expense will not amount to more than \$6000 a month.

She will carry a crew of 45 against the 75 men it formerly required to handle her. All of her unnecessary superstructure has been cut away, reducing the dead weight 600 or 700 tons and permitting the removal of 1300 tons of ballast. Formerly she had a draft of 20 feet light and 25 feet loaded. But after being relieved of a good sized cargo she will draw only 16 feet light and 20 feet loaded, which will make it possible for her to operate in shoal water without waiting for high tide.

The cutting away the superstructure necessitated the dropping of the dredge machinery and dock fittings to the lower decks. She has been so arranged that her gate-operating gear can be handled by machinery instead of by hand. With the exception of their outer shells the four mammoth boilers have been removed throughout. Two of them weigh 65 tons each and the other two 45 tons apiece. These have been completely standing the hydrostatic test. Four oil tanks of a capacity of 3000 tons are being installed. It is said that the changes made to her gear and the substitution of oil for coal as fuel will be the means of cutting down her crew to about half the number she carried when last in commission.

Associated with the Marine Iron works in the contract are Charles Machen, of the Vulcan Iron Works, who has made a specialty of ship building for years, and Fred A. Ballin, consulting engineer and naval architect of many years' experience in building and designing all types of vessels.

The Chinook was built at Belfast about 20 years ago. She was then known as the Mohawk and she was used in the cattle trade. During the Spanish-American war she, with three of her sister ships, was purchased by the United States government. The Mohawk was converted at Bath, Maine, into the transport Grant. In 1903 she was turned over to the United States engineers and made into a suction dredge for use at the mouth of the Columbia river. For this purpose large bins were constructed in the former cargo space, one forward and the other aft of the machinery.

Two powerful centrifugal dredging pumps, driven by triple expansion engines were installed, which suck the sand through 20-inch pipes from the bottom of the ocean and discharge it into the bins. In making the change from a transport to a dredge nothing was removed from the ship except that which was directly in the way, leaving all the heavy superstructure and cabin undisturbed. In this condition the steamer was topheavy.

In addition to her water ballast it was found necessary to place 1300 tons of rock and iron in her to keep the vessel on an even keel.

At the Graham boatyards at Portland a 35-foot gasoline launch, which will serve as a tender for the Chinook, is under construction. She will be christened the Mohawk and she is expected to skim over the water at a rate of 14 miles an hour.

William Morhoff is chief engineer of the Chinook, and he has had charge of her engine-room since the government decided to convert her into a dredge. George H. Dunbar, master, has also been on the craft for a number of years.

Church Dedication

The dedication of the St. Clements Catholic church takes place July 4th at 10 o'clock, a. m. The Most Rev. A. Christie, Archbishop of Oregon, will perform the dedication ceremony and preach the sermon. Solemn Pontifical High mass will be sung by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ratw, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Oregon. The choir of St. Mary's Cathedral, Portland, will sing and there will be a large delegation of clergymen from all over the Archdiocese in attendance upon the ceremonies. It is expected that delegations from all the city parishes in Portland will be present to swell the throng.

The building is known as a combination style, now popular in the growing cities of this country, it being arranged for school and church so as to accommodate the parish for present needs both for church and school. This allows opportunity for growth, and when conditions warrant, a large and artistic church structure can be built to better advantage than would be the case if one were to go ahead and build or attempt to build such a permanent building at the very start of a new parish. The buildings now completed are the school and church and the parochial residence. The cost of these is about thirteen thousand dollars. The excavation has been completed and foundation begun for the erection of an eleven room convent building for the school sisters who will have charge of the school. The school will open in September. Cost of convent will be about thirty-five hundred dollars.

Commencement Week

Commencement Week exercises of the St. Johns High School were highly interesting and entertaining. The baccalaureate address was given by Rev. F. N. Sandifer in the Baptist church Sunday evening, June 19th. It was a splendid effort and was well received by its hearers. The reception for the Seniors took place in the high school building Tuesday evening, June 21, and the class day exercises were held the following evening in the Baptist church. On Thursday evening the Commencement exercises were held in the Baptist church, Rev. Luther R. Dyott delivering the address. The programs prepared and executed for class day and commencement were unusually interesting and were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

Purloined a Bicycle

A dope fiend was gathered in by the police drag net last week and he was in a terrible condition. There was scarcely a piece of his anatomy as large as a dime that did not bear the marks of the "squirrel gun." He was sent to Portland where he was given sixty days on the rock pile as an aid in recuperation. It was discovered afterward that he had picked up City Treasurer Kellogg's bicycle which was lying upon the city hall lawn for a few minutes while the owner was transacting business inside. The dopey one took the wheel to Shaulka's repair shop on Philadelphia street, where he realized \$5.00 upon it. Another charge will likely be lodged against the fiend when his rockpile days are over.

Mrs. Julia M. Parker, who has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Swengel, ever since she came to St. Johns, will depart tomorrow evening on the steamer "Eureka" for Eureka, Cal., for a couple of months visit with her son, R. A. Parker and family. This will be her first voyage on the Pacific ocean, and no doubt it will be full of interest to her.

Real estate on the west side of the river is moving at a lively clip. The coming of the big seminary on the summit of the western hill and the Columbia steel plant from Portland along the water front is stimulating values. Property at Whitwood will be something worth while before many more moons come and go.

Preach the gospel of St. Johns.

A Modern Structure

C. G. Woodhouse of Republic, Wash., is having plans completed for a two-story brick business block which will extend from the Central hotel building on Philadelphia street to Ivanhoe street, covering 50x100 feet in space. The structure will be thoroughly modern throughout. A full basement will be excavated with cement sides and floor. This will be used as a barber shop, Turkish baths, etc. The first story will contain four store rooms, 25x50 each. The second story will be devoted to a modern and finely appointed lodge hall. The foundation of the building will be strong enough to support two more stories a little later on. One of the latest and most approved heating systems will be installed, and the structure throughout will be composed of the very best material that can be secured. The new business block will be a most welcome addition to St. Johns, and will replace a row of small squatty buildings that now grace one of the principal thoroughfares of the city.

A Novel Idea

C. C. Currin of the North Bank Pharmacy, with his usual enterprise, has invented a novel feature for July 14th. It is in the shape of Sweet Pea Day at the Pharmacy. All growers of this sweet smelling plant are invited to bring bouquets to his store for that day, where they will be placed on exhibition and adjudged as to their size and variety of colors. Prizes will be given in both instances. Mayor J. F. Hendricks, F. P. Drinker and ye editor have been selected as judges. Prizes will also be given for the best photographs of these flowers, either growing or picked. Five prizes will be given on photographs, ranging from \$5 to \$1. The novel idea should excite considerable interest, because these fragrant flowers grow in profusion and in great variety of colors in St. Johns. Refreshments from the fountain will be freely given to the ladies on that day.

The store of Davis & Gaines on Jersey street was entered last week by a burglar and over \$100 secured from the safe, which was forced open. Entrance was effected through a side window. No clue leading to the discovery of the robber has so far been unearthed.

W. E. Swengel made a flying trip to Mosier in the interests of his apple ranch there the past week. He says that prospects are fine for a heavy crop of fruit in the Mosier hills this season, and a very marked increase of apple acreage was made the past spring.

For Sale—A fifty dollar course in the Scranton International Correspondence School, any department, at 20 per cent discount, at rate of \$5.00 down, \$5.00 per month; further discount for cash. Address "B," this office.

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Geo. W. Simmons and wife have returned from a two weeks' sojourn at Collins Springs much improved in health. George says Collins is the place to go for all who are ill.

Mrs. Shepardson of Catlin, Wash., returned to her home Tuesday after spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Wright, on South Hayes street.

We want some vacant lots cheap for cash, also some bargains in small homes wanted for cash. McKinnis & Davis.

Georgia Lynn of Hood River is spending a few weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Byerlee, in this city.

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